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AGENDA ITEM #4
 July 7, 2020
Discussion

SUBJECT

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update (County Council sitting as the Board of Health)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Dr. Travis Gayles, County Health Officer and Chief of DHHS Public Health Services
 Dr. Earl Stoddard, Director, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
 Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Council sitting as Board of Health to receive updates.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Council will receive an update on the public health data and emergency response to the COVID-19 public emergency from Dr. Gayles and Dr. Stoddard.

The following is data from the Maryland.gov website on July 6, 2020:

	29-Jun	30-Jun	1-Jul	2-Jul	3-Jul	4-Jul	5-Jul	6-Jul	July 5-6
STATEWIDE DATA									
Confirmed Positive Cases	67,254	67,559	67,918	68,423	68,961	69,341	69,632	69,904	272
Total Confirmed Deaths	3,048	3,062	3,077	3,086	3,099	3,111	3,118	3,121	3
Probable Deaths	127	128	128	126	124	125	125	125	-

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COUNTY DATA									
Confirmed Positive Cases	14,675	14,737	14,803	14,899	15,021	15,082	15,129	15,163	34
Total Confirmed Deaths	697	699	700	704	709	710	711	715	4
Probable Deaths	39	39	39	39	38	38	38	38	-

The following data is from the Montgomery County website as of July 2, 2020:

2-Jul-20						
CASES MoCo	Male	Male	Female	Female	Total	Total
Age Group	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
0-17	522	419.5	479	401.9	1,001	410.9
18-49	3,865	1,816.3	3,870	1,748.3	7,735	1,781.6
50-64	1,709	1,714.0	1,590	1,434.4	3,299	1,566.8
65+	1,255	1,917.3	1,646	1,906.1	2,901	1,911.0
TOTAL	7,351	1,463.2	7,585	1,410.5	14,936	1,436.0

DEATHS MoCo						
Age Group	Male	Male	Female	Female	Total	Total
Age Group	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
0-17	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-49	27	12.7	10	4.5	37	8.5
50-64	69	69.2	19	17.1	88	41.8
65+	279	426.2	300	347.4	579	381.4
TOTAL	375	74.6	329	61.2	704	67.7

MoCo Deaths	Count	Rate
White (NH)	328	72.7
Black (NH)	159	82.6
Asian (NH)	65	40.3
Hispanic	131	63.3
Other	21	NA
TOTAL	704	67.7

Montgomery County Metrics

Montgomery County has adopted the following metrics that will be used to determine when it is safe to move to different phases of reopening businesses and other activities. Each metric is measured with a 3-day rolling average. The goal is to meet each metric for 14 of the last 14 days. As of July 5, 2020, the County was not meeting the sustained metrics for new cases, new deaths, and emergency room visits where people present with COVID related symptoms.

COUNTY DASHBOARD METRICS	29-Jun	30-Jun	1-Jul	2-Jul	3-Jul	4-Jul	5-Jul
NEW CASES 3-day Rolling Average	68	72	65	75	95	93	77
In 9 of the last 14 days a day-to-day decline							
NEW DEATHS 3-day Rolling Average	2	1	1	2	3	3	2
In 13 of the last 14 days a day-to-day decline							
HOSPITALIZATIONS 3-day Rolling Average	134	131	125	119	115	114	NA
In 14 of the last 14 days a day-to-day decline							

COUNTY DASHBOARD METRICS	29-Jun	30-Jun	1-Jul	2-Jul	3-Jul	4-Jul	5-Jul
ICU COVID Patients 3-day rolling average	48	47	42	37	37	38	NA
In 14 of last 14 days a day-to-day decline							
Emergency Room Visits - COVID symptoms	6	3	4	5	5	4	NA
In 10 of the last 14 days a day-to-day decline							
Acute Care Bed Capacity (goal = or < 70%)	66%	65%	67%	68%	69%	68%	NA
In 14 of last 14 days met capacity goal							
ICU Beds in Use (goal = or < 80%)	56%	56%	58%	56%	53%	50%	NA
In 14 of last 14 days met capacity goal							
Ventilators in Use (goals = or < 70%)	32%	31%	30%	30%	29%	30%	NA
In 14 of last 14 days met capacity goal							
TEST POSITIVITY RATE 3-day Rolling Average	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	NA	NA
In 14 of last 14 days declining or sustained rate							
NUMBER of TESTS 3-days Rolling Average	1,551	1,419	1,562	1,702	1,797	NA	NA
(Goal = 5% of residents monthly. Current capacity 4.4%)							

In addition, the County has stated the following as additional goals that should be achieved:

- Testing networks in place to offer high throughput testing.
- Leverage health care network to provide testing to symptomatic and asymptomatic patients.
- Accessible testing options available across the County utilizing a diverse network of options, including health care providers, alternative test sites, mobile testing units, etc.
- Sustained flattening or decrease in test positivity.
- Continuing current efforts and partnering with the State on a state-driven, large-scale contact tracing effort that will allow for contacting cases within 24 hours upon receipt of results and identified contacts within 48 hours.
- Compiling and using data by race, gender, age, geographic location to inform policy decisions related to health outcomes.
- Ability to disseminate information, programming, and policies that address the impact of social determinants of health on Covid-19 outcomes.

Link to County Website:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/RightNav/Coronavirus.html>

Link to State Website:

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Board of Health is continuing its regular briefings.

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